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Terrell L. Harris, United States Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee and William L. Gibbons, Shelby County District Attorney General, jointly announced today that a criminal complaint has been filed in Federal Court charging Milta Blanchard a/k/a Cameron Buchanan with being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm in violation of Title 18 United States Code Section 922(g).

According to the Criminal Complaint filed in Federal Court today, law enforcement officers were attempting to serve a federal arrest warrant for Milta Blanchard on September 5, 2002. According to the complaint, during a sweep of 420 N. Montgomery in Memphis, TN, an address associated with Milta Blanchard, officers located the following firearms: 1) Taurus .38 Special revolver; 2) Colt .45 pistol; 3) Smith & Wesson .357 Magnum revolver; 4) Strum Ruger 9 mm pistol; 5) Strum Ruger 9 mm pistol; 6) Norinco 7.62 x 39 rifle; 7) Glock 9 mm pistol; 8) Marlin 30 - 30 rifle; 9) Intratec 9mm pistol; 10) Maadi 7.62 x 39 rifle; 11) Mossberg 12 gauge shotgun; 12) Professional Ordinance .223 pistol, as well as approx. 45.9 grams of Heroin. The complaint alleges that all of these items were located in a bedroom containing both men's and women's clothing, a photograph of Milta Blanchard with a firearm, as well as documents and correspondence in the names of Milta Blanchard and Cameron Buchanan, an alias known to be used by Blanchard. According to the complaint and prior indictment, Blanchard has multiple prior felony convictions including a prior drug conviction and weapons offense.

On his pending federal charges, Blanchard faces up to sixty years imprisonment and fines of \$2,750,000.

This investigation was handled jointly by the Project Safe Neighborhoods Unit and Vice Narcotics Units of the Memphis Police Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, & Firearms and the United States Marshal's Service. Assistant United States Attorney David Henry will handle the prosecution of this case.

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